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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. FOLLOWING AN INTERAGENCY REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT HAS
CONCLUDED THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD JOIN OECD'S
CERI AS A FULL MEMBER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1976. IN
DOING SO, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE CERI BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SCALE OF CONTRIBUTION PRESENTLY IN EFFECT. ACCORDINGLY,
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YOU MAY WISH TO RESPOND TO THE DECEMBER 19, 1974 LETTER

FROM SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES

2. BEGIN SUGGESTED TEXT:

I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE THE FORMAL DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF CERI ON THE BASIS OF THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF 12TH MAY, (1971 C(71)84 (FINAL). THIS MEANS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUDGET OF CERI ON THE BASIS OF THE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTION TO PART I OF THE OECD BUDGET.

PENDING THE COUNCIL DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF CERI, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUALLY PAID TO THE 1976 CERI BUDGET (I.E. EXCLUDING TRANSFERS) SHOULD NOT EXCEED F.F. 5 MILLION. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT HOWEVER, THAT THIS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS IS EXPECTED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO SPECIFIC CERI PROJECTS. KISSINGER

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